

House (Representative Bungalow)
1506 Thompson Ave.
Des Moines
Polk County
Iowa

HABS No. IA-91

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

STATE IOWA	COUNTY POLK	TOWN OR VICINITY DES MOINES
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) HOUSE		HABS NO. IA-91
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Representative Bungalow		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1506 Thompson Ave.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Built circa 1920	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This is a good example of the bungalow house type that swept the county in the 1910s and the 1920s. Although less aesthetically important than the Prairie style that was developing during the same period, the bungalow became far more popular and affordable to working-class Americans.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Bungalow		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) The house is laid on a brick foundation with wood framing and clapboard above.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular in plan, the one-and-a-half story house contains a large, simple pitched gable roof.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Simple in decoration, the clapboard is very narrow and articulated with corner boards. The gable roof with the gable end towards the street and the gable over the projecting enclosed entrance porch contain large overhangs; the wide eaves contain straight brackets.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Unknown		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE unknown		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Shank, Wesley I., The Iowa Catalog: Historic American Buildings Survey, University of Iowa Press, Iowa City, 1979.		
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